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SUBJECT: SEARCH FOR STOLEN VESSEL M/V QUEST

1. M/V "QUEST" OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM ITS ANCHORAGE IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA ABOUT FEBRUARY 27. LOCATION OF QUEST IS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IT IS UNDER TOW AND ENROUTE TO HONDURAS OR MEXICO. DESCRIPTION: 126 FT. ISLAND FREIGHTER, BLACK HULL, WHITE BRIDGE, ROUND WHEEL HOUSE AND AFT SECTION. VESSEL HAS NO ENGINE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND WOULD HAVE TO BE TOWED.

2. A MR. CHARLES HAYLOCK WAS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING
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VESSEL. HIS ASSOCIATE D.D. HANKINS, CAPTAIN OF FISHING

VESSEL ARSCO V, MAY HAVE QUEST UNDER TOW. ARSCO V DESCRIBED AS U.S. REGISTRY, F/V, HOMEPORT CORPUS CHRISTI, 70 FT., BUILT IN 1971, HAS FREEZER, STEEL HULL, CAPABLE OF 30 DAYS AT SEA- NEITHER HAYLOCK NOR HANKINS-CAN PRESENTLY BE LOCATED.

3. FOR PANAMA: OWNERSHIP OF M/V QUEST IS UNDER DISPUTE. REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT DETERMINE OWNERSHIP THROUGH APPROPRIATE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. FOR TEGUCIGALPA, MEXICO, MATAMOROS, MONTERREY AND MERIDA: PLEASE ALERT HONDURAN AND MEXICAN AUTHORITIES THAT QUEST MAY BE ENTERING ONE OF THEIR PORTS AND THAT U.S. COAST GUARD REQUESTS IT BE ADVISED ASAP IF VESSEL IS LOCATED. INGERSOLL

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